

FY 21 Title IV, Part A Personalized Learning Grants

Assurances

General Assurances (ESSA Section 8306)

In signing this application the Superintendent of Schools assures that:

In accordance with Section 8306 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), the Local Educational Agency (LEA) assures the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) that this single set of assurances applicable to each program for which a plan is submitted under this application that:

- (1) each such program will be administered in accordance with all applicable statutes, regulations, program plans, and applications;
- (2) (A) the control of funds provided under each such program and title to property acquired with program funds will be in a public agency or in an eligible private agency, institution, organization, or Indian tribe, if the law authorizing the program provides for assistance to those entities; and
(B) the public agency, eligible private agency, institution, or organization, or Indian tribe will administer the funds and property to the extent required by the authorizing statutes;
- (3) the applicant will adopt and use proper methods of administering each such program, including
 - (A) the enforcement of any obligations imposed by law on agencies, institutions, organizations, and other recipients responsible for carrying out each program; and
 - (B) the correction of deficiencies in program operations that are identified through audits, monitoring, or evaluation;
- (4) the applicant will cooperate in carrying out any evaluation of each such program conducted by or for the State Educational Agency (SEA), the Secretary, or other Federal officials;
- (5) the applicant will use such fiscal control and fund accounting procedures as will ensure proper disbursement of, and accounting for, Federal funds paid to the applicant under each such program;
- (6) the applicant will
 - (A) submit such reports to the SEA (which shall make the reports available to the Governor) and the Secretary as the SEA and Secretary may require to enable the SEA and the Secretary to perform their duties under each such program; and
 - (B) maintain such records, provide such information, and afford such access to the records as the SEA (after consultation with the Governor) or the Secretary may reasonably require to carry out the SEA's or the Secretary's duties; and
- (7) before the application was submitted, the applicant afforded a reasonable opportunity for public comment on the application and considered such comment.

Civil Rights Assurances

All recipients of assistance under these grants made pursuant to the ESEA shall comply with the following Federal and State civil rights statutes and regulations:

- (a) 42 USC, Sections 1981 and 1983 (...acts prohibited on the basis of race);
- (b) Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (...acts prohibited on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin);

- (c) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, 20 United States Code 1681 et. Seq. (acts prohibited on the basis of sex);
- (d) 42 USC, Section 1601 et seq. (...acts prohibited on the basis of age);
- (e) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 20 USC 794 (...acts prohibited on the basis of handicap);
- (f) 24 USC, Section 12100 et seq. [The Americans with Disabilities Act] (...acts prohibited on the basis of disability);
- (g) Section 16-38-1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended (discrimination because of race or age);
- (h) Section 16-38-1.1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended (discrimination because of sex);
- (i) Chapter 42-87 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended (Civil Rights of People with Disabilities); and
- (j) Sections 28-5.1-13 and 28-5.1-14 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended (Private education institutions – compliance with state policy of non-discrimination and affirmative action).

Title IV-A Assurances

In signing this application the Superintendent of Schools assures that the LEA will:

- (a) Use funds to supplement, not supplant, existing programs within the LEA. In other words, funds may not be used to pay for existing levels of activities or services if the costs of those activities would have otherwise been paid with state or local funds in the absence of the grant;
- (b) Use funds in accordance with one of the three authorized content areas in Title IV-A;
- (c) Prioritize the distribution of funds to schools served by the LEA that—
 - (i) are among the schools with the greatest needs, as determined by such LEA;
 - (ii) have the highest percentages or numbers of children counted under section 1124(c);
 - (iii) are identified for comprehensive support and improvement under section 1111(c)(4)(D)(i);
 - (iv) are implementing targeted support and improvement plans as described in section 1111(d)(2); or (v) are identified as a persistently dangerous public elementary school or secondary school under section 8532;
- (d) comply with section 850 (regarding equitable participation by private school children and teachers) and use funds to provide equitable services for students and staff in eligible private schools, as applicable.

I hereby certify that all statements made herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that all supporting data are on file.

Superintendent (typed name)

Date

Superintendent's Signature

Date